--10. (Amended) A method for processing data distributed from an accounting center, comprising the steps of:

storing accounting point information in a first memory built in a terminal device;

storing information distributed from an external source in a second memory in the terminal device; and

updating by decrementing the accounting point information stored in the first memory and updating attributes of the distributed information from an unavailable state to an available state when the distributed information is stored in the second memory.

--11. (Amended) A data processing method in an accounting system including an accounting center and a terminal device for communicating with the accounting center, the method comprising the steps of:

storing accounting point information in a first memory of the terminal device;

storing information distributed from an external source in a second memory of the terminal device;

updating by decrementing the accounting point information stored in the first memory and updating attributes of the distributed information from an unavailable state to an available state when the distributed information is stored in the second

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memory; and

carrying out an accounting processing in the accounting center based on the accounting point information transmitted from the terminal device.

--12. (Amended) A data processing method in an accounting system including an accounting center and a terminal device capable of communicating with the accounting center, the method comprising the steps of:

storing accounting point information in a first memory of the terminal device;

storing information distributed from an external source in a second memory of the terminal device;

updating by decrementing the accounting point information stored in the first memory and updating attributes of the distributed information from an unavailable state to an available state when the distributed information is stored in the second memory;

making a request for purchasing the accounting point information to the accounting center and updating the accounting point information stored in the first memory based on an accounting processing corresponding to the accounting point information executed at the accounting center; and

carrying out an other accounting processing in the

accounting center based on the request for purchasing the accounting point information transmitted from the terminal device.--